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1. A factory producing tank parts [redacted] lies between four and five km southeast of the eastern border of Moscow, to the north of the Ryazan Highway. About 300 m northwest of this factory there is a larger factory [redacted] which produces tank tracks and other tank parts. The Ryazan Railway runs a little to the north of the factories.

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History

2. The factory was said to have been built and placed in commission at some time previous to the war. The exact date was not known. Both factories appear to have formed part of an armaments combine which included one or more other factories. The factory was damaged during the war and had not been fully restored by October 1950, at which time repairs were still being carried out.

Type of Product

3. Parts for the bodies of various size tanks are produced.

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Personnel

4. Personnel consisted of Soviet workers and recently only a small number of German PWs. Altogether about 3,000 workers were employed in October 1950. in three continuous shifts.

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Source of Raw Materials

5. Factory No. 2 was known to have a large foundry and supplied factory No. 1 with many different steel castings, including the side plates mentioned in paragraph 3 above. Source of other raw materials was not known.

Destination of Finished Products

6. The destination of finished products was not known. In any case, complete tanks were not assembled at this factory.

Security Measures

7. The factory was surrounded by a high brick wall. Watchtowers stood outside the wall. The factory guards wore civilian clothes. It was common knowledge [redacted] that the guards were entirely made up of members of the Communist Party and of MVD employees. Workers' passes were carefully checked at the entrances.

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Anti-tank Exercises near the Factory

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9. [redacted] a tank exercising ground stretching in a southeasterly direction a few hundred meters south of the factory. [redacted]

The part nearest the factory was enclosed by barbed wire and was guarded by what appeared to be military pickets.

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10. Tanks of various sizes were seen moving about in this area, and the following exercises were also observed:

- a. Sheepdogs with dummy charges attached to their backs were urged to go under stationary and moving tanks from different points of the ground. [redacted]

[redacted] the under parts of the tanks were baited with sausages and similar foods. Some of the dogs, who had probably had some previous training, immediately on being released, ran towards the tanks and crept under.

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b. These exercises were also seen being carried out with live charges which exploded after the dogs had crept under the tanks. The dogs naturally perished.

11. [redacted] these exercises served a dual purpose - to train dogs as an anti-tank weapon and to test tank armor against different strengths of explosive charges.

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Comments:

1 The factory discussed here may be part of the Ukhomsky Agricultural Machinery Works at Lyubertsy, which produces tank parts as well as agricultural machinery.

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